THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 27th December 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (Sri B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the CHAIR.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us take up Short Notice Question No. 15 first . . .

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, there are two questions on the subject. One is a Short Notice question addressed to the Hon .Minister for Local Administration and the other is a Private Notice question addressed to the Hon. Minister for Finance. I suggest that both the questions may be taken up together and the Hon. the Minister for Finance may answer.

Enhanced dearness allowance to employees of local bodies

* 6 *P.N. Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to make a statement regarding the non-implementation by the Municipalities and Local Bodies of the recent increase in dearness allowance sanctioned to non-Gazetted Government employees to their staff?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : In G.O. No. 1734, Finance, dated the 3rd November 1956, the Government directed that the rates of dearness allowance payable to the employees of the State Government should be revised with effect from 1st November 1956, in the manner indicated in the Government Order. The orders in the said Government Order do not automatically apply to the employees of local bodies (District Boards, Municipal Councils and Panchayats). An order containing a statutory direction under the relevant provisions of the Acts governing the local bodies has had to be issued. Such an order was issued in G.O. No. 1746, Local Administration, dated the 26th November 1956. As the Government Order applies to all local bodies and as copies were to be communicated to a very large number of authorities, it had got to be printed and despatched. The Government Order was actually despatched on 15th December 1956.

Enhanced dearness allowance to Local Boards' employees

* 15 *S.N. Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to give effect to the enhancement of emoluments as announced by the Government recently to the employees of the Local Boards in the State?